

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

ITAMIC, INC. §
Plaintiff §
v. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:21-cv-00936
DEPOSITORS INSURANCE COMPANY §
Defendant §

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant Depositors Insurance Company (“Defendant”), through undersigned counsel and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446, files this Notice of Removal of the lawsuit captioned *Itamic, Inc. v. Depositors Insurance Company*; Cause No. 2021CI19462; In the 438th Judicial District of Bexar County, Texas.

I.
BACKGROUND

1. Plaintiff Itamic, Inc. (hereinafter “Plaintiff”) initiated the present action by filing their Original Petition in Cause No. 2021CI19462; In the 438th Judicial District of Bexar County, Texas on September 14, 2021 (the “State Court Action”). *See* Plaintiff’s Original Petition, attached as **Exhibit A**.

2. Defendant appeared and answered on October 15, 2021, asserting a general denial to the claims and allegations made in Plaintiff’s Original Petition. *See* Defendant’s Original Answer, attached as **Exhibit B**.

3. Pursuant to 28 USC § 1446(a) a copy of all process, pleadings, and orders served upon Defendant in the State Court Action are incorporated in **Exhibit A**.

4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), promptly after filing this Notice of Removal, Defendant will give written notice of the removal to Plaintiff through their attorney of record, and to the clerk of the 138th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas.

5. Pursuant to 28 USC §§ 1446(b)(1) and 1446(c)(1) this Notice of Removal has been timely filed within 30 days of service on Defendant of Plaintiff's Original Petition and less than one year after the commencement of this action.

II. JURISDICTION

6. This Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and the matter is removable to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the properly joined parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs.

A. Diversity of Parties

7. Plaintiff is a Texas corporation that maintains its principal place of business in Texas. *See Exhibit A, ¶ 2.* Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), therefore, Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Texas.

8. Depositors Insurance Company is organized under the laws of Iowa and maintains its principal place of business in Iowa. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1), therefore, Depositors is a citizen of the State of Iowa.

9. Accordingly, there is complete diversity between the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

B. Amount in Controversy

10. It is facially apparent from Plaintiff's live petition that the amount in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000 rendering removal proper. Removal is proper if it is "facially apparent" from the complaint that the claims asserted exceed the jurisdictional amount.¹ Here, Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000. *See Exhibit A, ¶ 1.*

11. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. *See Exhibit A.* Accordingly, the amount in controversy requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 1332(b) is satisfied.

III. CONCLUSION

12. Removal of this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1441 is proper as the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and as all requirements for removal under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 have been met.

13. WHEREFORE, Defendant Depositors Insurance Company hereby provides notice that this action is duly removed.

¹ *Puckitt v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. G-09-0056, 2010 WL 2635626, at *3 (S.D. Tex. June 28, 2010) (citing *Allen v. R&H Oil & Gas Co.*, 63 F.3d 1326, 1335 (5th Cir. 1995)).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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